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THOMAS JEFFERSON: I'm Thomas Jefferson.

15 I'm a 46 year resident of the state of Nevada. I  
16 have spent all day today in Carson City and Reno  
17 area at meetings. I was at the Federal Courthouse  
18 today in support of the ranchers that had their  
19 cattle confiscated. I'm a little bit tired. It's  
20 been a long, hard day.

21 I heard a lot of comment tonight from  
22 north and south about the dangers of transporting  
23 this nuclear waste, and I'm sure that you don't  
24 want to hear any more about it. I have my own  
25 ideas about it. No sense in me putting in my two

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1 bits worth.

2 But if you're really concerned about we're  
3 on short notice with the Department of Energy, why  
4 we're being pushed into holes that we'd rather not  
5 be in, making decisions we'd rather not do, it's a  
6 very, very simple solution. Nevada lost this  
7 battle four months ago in Carson City.

8 Most of you have heard, or may not have  
9 heard, of the bill AB 391, which is the Nevada full  
10 statehood bill that passed the Assembly on a vote  
11 of 38 to 3. It then advanced to the Senate for  
12 passage where it was defeated. And right there is  
13 where the battle was lost over Yucca Mountain. Had  
14 that bill been and passed in the Nevada State  
15 Senate, the Department of Energy would now be  
16 negotiating with the State of Nevada. Nevada would  
17 not be negotiating with them.

18 The Constitution is very clear about who  
19 owns these lands in the west, and it surely isn't  
20 the federal government. They had assumed the  
21 control of them through lack of action by the State  
22 of Nevada and the other western states. We had a  
23 remedy for it four months ago in Carson City and we  
24 lost it.

25 I want you to know in no uncertain terms

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1 the Republican leadership in the state Senate of  
2 Nevada destroyed the sovereignty of this state and  
3 I hope that everybody listening to this program  
4 will remember them in the next election..

5 Thank you very much.

6 MS. TICE: Thank you, Mr. Jefferson.